

South West Clinical Senate Council Meeting
Thursday 23rd January 2014
Taunton Rugby Ground, Taunton

Minutes/Actions

Present: Attendee List attached

Apologies: Sarah Watson-Fisher, Matthew Mulloy, Mark Callaway, Steven Sale, Andy Smith, Geraint Day, Jason Kendall, Jayne Weare, K Carey.

Apologies were given also from both the Patient representatives due to illness.

1. Welcome and Introductions	VL
Vaughan Lewis (VL) welcomed all to the second South West Clinical Senate Meeting. He introduced Christine Teller as the newly appointed Citizen Commissioner. Each member was then asked to introduce themselves. He thanked the members for their contribution to the last meeting and gave a reminder that if the Senate Council is to achieve its goal and concentrate on what is best for the patients, members must remember they are there representing their professions and not their organisations.	
2. Setting the Scene – Commissioning of HIV services for adults and children.	LP/DS
Linda Prosser put forward the first part of the question; <i>“Given the demography of the South West, what would the Senate consider to be the optimal model/s to deliver HIV care to children and adults with specific reference to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>24/7 access to specialist opinion</i> With Debbie Stark putting forward the second part; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The issue of late diagnosis</i> • <i>People over 50 years of age</i> 	
3. Specialised Commissioning	CF
Claire Foreman gave a presentation which included a background to patient focused specialised commissioning and HIV commissioning. Chris Conlon focused on the issues of late diagnosis, the need for early testing and regulated cost effective drugs.	
4. HIV Services for adults	GR
Guy Rooney presented some of the data on the distribution of patients in the South West as well as services and issues for patients with HIV including definitions of early and late diagnosis and the treatments available.	
5. Public Health Context for HIV in the South West	DS
Debbie Stark presented some of the key statistics for HIV in the South West and discussed the ongoing stigma around HIV and the need for health promotion, with 20% of people with HIV still undiagnosed.	

6. Prognostic Modelling for HIV	MM
Margaret May gave a statistical presentation of data, causes of death, age of patients and treatment timescales.	
7. HIV Services from the perspective of the Terence Higgins Trust	SJ
Steve Jones gave a presentation focusing on patient concerns around care and stigma, and how the change in welfare benefits is creating new challenges. He also gave the introduction of Home Testing and the education to raise update on awareness of how HIV is changing.	
8. HIV Services for Children	AF/LH
Adam Finn and Lizzie Hutchinson presented on the successes of prevention of mother to child transmission and how HIV affects children. This included the severity of not defaulting on medication and the care services in the South West.	
9. Deliberative Session	ALL
<p>VL led a wide ranging deliberative discussion focusing on the following issues that linked into the original question as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one or two hub provider network • Possibilities of virtual MDT • The nature of paediatric 24/7 rotas • Targeted screening opportunities • Training for healthcare workers • HIV awareness <p>Please note a full transcript of the day and the advice that followed is available at www.swsenate.org.uk.</p>	
10. Summary and Close	VL
<p>VL drew the meeting to a close noting that on this occasion it was not possible to reach a fully rounded recommendation in response to the question on the day but that using the notes of the meeting and the transcript that he and the Senate Management team would draw up initial advice and share it within a week. VL noted that the aim is usually for verbal recommendations to be reached at the end of a meeting with formal advice being issued within a month.</p> <p>VL also updated the Council that the new senate website is now live at www.swsenate.org.uk</p> <p>VL thanked everyone for coming and invited feedback from the meeting. He also noted that he is linking up with other Senates to continue to develop the optimum model for developing advice and conducting deliberative sessions</p>	